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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: Tim M. Catherman
Deputy Commissioner, Support Services

DATE: September 27, 2005

SUBJECT: Virginia Aging and AoA in the News

Below are Virginia Aging or AoA related articles that have occurred since last week's Tuesday E-mailing. These links do not require a paid service; however, some (like the Washington Post, etc.) ask a brief survey or registration. Please note some links are time sensitive and can change daily. Some articles may be editorial and/or political. Links are presented 'as is'.

If you are aware of additional articles, please e-mail me a link for inclusion next week.

VDA and Virginia AAAs In the News[Reality checkup](#)

Roanoke Times - Roanoke, VA, USA

... restrained his content or tone. Nor has Jay DeBoer, the commissioner of the Virginia Department of Aging. The agency gives the LOA ...

[Gasoline costs affecting budgets of public agencies](#)

Coalfield Progress - Norton, VA

... increase in fuel costs, says Ron Kendrick, the Virginia Office of ... Four County Transit, the organization that provides fixed bus service in the county, recently ...

Other[Issues, not gender, spur policy for League of Women Voters](#)

Richmond Times Dispatch - Richmond, VA

... In Virginia, we've always been very innovative in solving such problems." ... member Mary C. Payne, retired executive director of the Capital Area Agency on Aging. ...

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SUBJECT: Daniel A. Quirk Named AoA Region I, II, and III Administrator

Daniel A. Quirk assumed the responsibilities of Regional Administrator for Administration on Aging Regions I, II, and III, effective August 15.

Many of you probably already know Dan from his 27 years as Executive Director of the National Association of state Units on Aging.

Those years gave Dan a familiarity with the Aging network, the State Agencies, their problems and how they operate, as well as familiarity with the Older Americans Act.

Mail sent to the Regional Offices should be addressed to him at the address below.

By phone he can be reached at (212) 264-2976.

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RE: 2006 State Holiday Schedule

The Virginia Department of Human Resource Management has issued the holiday schedule for 2006. The following days have been designated state holidays.

Monday, January 2 - New Year's Day (observed)
Friday, January 13 - Lee-Jackson Day
Monday, January 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 20 - George Washington's Birthday
Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day
Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day
Monday, September 4 - Labor Day
Monday, October 9 - Columbus Day and Yorktown Victory Day
Friday, November 10 - Veterans' Day (observed)
Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 24 - Day After Thanksgiving
Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

The calendar can also be found at <http://www.dhrm.virginia.gov>. If you have any questions, please call me at (804) 662-9309.

Cc: Jay W. DeBoer, J.D., Commissioner

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: Marsha Mucha

DATE: September 27, 2005

SUBJECT: Commonwealth Council on Aging Meeting Minutes

Attached for your information are the minutes from the May 19, 2005 Commonwealth Council on Aging meeting.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please let me know.

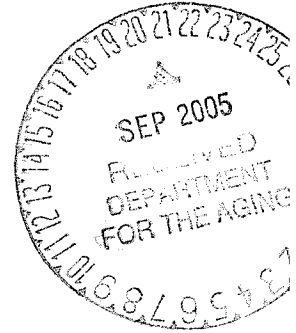
Commonwealth Council on Aging

Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2005

Virginia Department for the Aging Conference Room

Members Present: Betty Bowden
John W. Burton
David Cash
Dr. Barbara Chrisley
Helen Cockrell
Norah Knutsen
Judith Koziol
Dr. Richard Lindsay
Gwen Mullen
Judi G. Reid
Xavier Richardson
Shirley C. Rogers
Elvira Shaw
Lilyan Spero
Erica Wood



Ex-Officio Present: Gail Nardi, *Department of Social Services*
Diana Thorpe, *Department of Medical Assistance Services*

Members Absent: Mary Lee Cantor
Theresa Ransone
Ella Brown Wright

Guests: See attached list.

Staff: Jay W. DeBoer, J.D., *Commissioner*
Tim Catherman, *Deputy Commissioner, Support Services*
Bill Peterson, *Deputy Commissioner, Programs*
Marsha Mucha, *Administrative Staff Assistant*

Meeting Called to Order

Mrs. Judi Reid, Chairman of the Commonwealth Council on Aging, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She welcomed everyone and asked members and guests to introduce themselves.

The minutes of the January 26, 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner DeBoer reported that, during the 2005 General Assembly Session, the Virginia Department for the Aging (VDA) did not receive any restoration of funds that were cut over the last three Sessions. He further reported on the following items:

- During the General Assembly Session, a situation arose around the formula VDA uses to allocate funds to the area agencies on aging (AAAs). Commissioner DeBoer explained that the Older Americans Act (OAA) requires VDA to have a statewide formula for the distribution of funds that is based on census data and not population estimates. In Virginia, VDA grants funds based on overall population of those over 60, those who are 60 and living in poverty, those who are 60 and are also members of a minority population, and those over 60 who live in rural settings.

Commissioner DeBoer further explained that, based on the latest data received and using the current funding formula, some AAAs would experience as much as a 20% decrease in funding on top of the reductions that had already take place over the last three years of state funding. Once this situation was discovered, the Governor issued an amendment that froze funding using the current formula. He also established a funding task force. The task force will meet next Friday and through the fall. A report is due to the Governor and General Assembly in early fall.

- The General Assembly also charged the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to study a “No Wrong Door” system of delivery of human services. The “No Wrong Door” system would provide a single point of entry for individuals to apply and be screened for services through any of the health and human resource agencies. Virginia will be examining the single point of entry system from the standpoint of information technology and how it might facilitate screening, application and intake for human services without having to consolidate or reorganize agencies. The Commonwealth will apply for several federal grants to facilitate this project. One grant is for a three-year period and would provide approximately \$800,000 in grant funds. The other grant is for a five-year period and would provide funding of up to \$1.5 million. This group will meet next week, as well as several times during the next few months.
- Another initiative VDA is working on, in conjunction with the Secretary’s Office and other health and human resource agencies, is the “Healthy Aging” initiative. This initiative is based on a grant from the National Governors Association (NGA). A work group formed for this purpose will meet after the Council meeting concludes. Dr. Lindsay will serve as a member of this group.
- Secretary Woods is also restoring the Aging Action Agenda Task Force that was formed after the 2003 Governor’s Conference on Aging. The task force will meet on June 1, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. at VDA. The task force will review suggestions received during the Governor’s Conference.
- VDA and the AAAs (especially the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Programs (VICAP)) have been involved in providing information and training on the Medicare Modernization Act, specifically the new Medicare Part D drug benefit that will take effect January 1, 2006.

Pre-White House Conference on Aging Report

Dr. Lindsay reported that a pre-White House Conference on Aging session was held in Williamsburg on April 14, 2005. He explained that this session was one of a number of designated events scheduled to take place before the White House Conference on Aging. Dr. Lindsay noted that the Conference dates have been changed to December 11-14, 2005.

Dr. Lindsay explained that the subject matter of the Session was intergenerational connections. The three different areas of focus were:

- Planning along the life span
- Healthy aging and livable communities
- Opportunities for social engagement

Dr. Lindsay noted that each of Virginia's Congressional representatives can make an appointment to the White House Conference on Aging and the Governor can make four appointments.

Dr. Peterson reported that Senator Allen had appointed Mrs. Reid and Governor Warner had appointed Dr. Lindsay to attend the White House Conference on Aging. There will also be at-large delegates to the Conference. Anyone interested in applying to be an at-large delegate can apply online at www.whcoa.gov. Dr. Peterson explained that he should have a complete listing of the delegation to share with Council members later in the summer. VDA has also been asked to host an event for all of Virginia's delegation to come together and spend time discussing issues to bring before the whole Conference. The event will be held in late summer or early fall.

Legislative Committee Report

Mrs. Erica Wood, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, reported that the Committee was getting ready to start another legislative cycle. Mrs. Wood thanked committee members for all of their hard work during the 2005 General Assembly Session. She thanked Dr. Peterson and VDA staff for an excellent legislative summary of the 2005 session.

Mrs. Wood reported on the following highlights from the 2005 session:

- Passage of assisted living legislation
- Small increase in the auxiliary grant rate through the Governor's budget
- No restoration of funds for home and community based care

She further reported that the Council's legislative platform advanced in two areas:

- Some focus on aging and disabilities must now be included in the comprehensive plans that each locality is required to prepare.
- As part of the assisted living legislation, a requirement of a staffing ratio for long-term care ombudsmen was added. No funding was attached to this legislation.

In upcoming Legislative Committee meetings concerning a proposed legislative agenda for the 2006 General Assembly Session, Mrs. Wood noted that the Committee would include the following items for discussion:

- The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) aging study (HJR 103) will be completed. The final report will be presented in October.
- Collaboration with other aging groups such as the Virginia Association of Area Agencies on Aging (V4A) and the Virginia Coalition for the Aging on proposed legislative platforms.
- Seeking ways in which Virginia's delegation to the White House Conference on Aging could bring the Council's Legislative platform before the Conference.

The Legislative Committee will meet briefly at the conclusion of today's Council meeting to set a date for its next meeting.

At the end of her report, Mrs. Reid thanked Mrs. Wood and the Legislative Committee for their hard work on behalf of the Council.

Planning and Development Committee Report

Mrs. Helen Cockrell, Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee, reminded the Council that development of a Commonwealth-wide best practice award for aging programs is a goal of the Committee. She further reported that the Committee has reviewed a first draft of the award document that would include best practice and model program awards in the following areas: education, physical and mental health, long-term care, nutrition, housing, senior safety and transportation.

Mrs. Cockrell explained that this document is based very closely on one developed by the predecessor of the Council, the Governor's Advisory Board on Aging. The Planning and Development Committee would like to have the finalized document available for approval at the September Council meeting. The awards application would then be disseminated statewide and awards presented during Older Virginians Day at the General Assembly in January 2006.

In closing Mrs. Cockrell noted that the Planning and Development Committee is still seeking input from Council members and she asked that members submit this information by the end of July. Mrs. Cockrell also asked Council members for recommendations of individuals that might be interested in serving on the evaluation committee.

Dr. Peterson suggested that the Council might want to think about presenting these awards at the next Governor's Conference on Aging. He further explained that the Council, along with other aging groups, may want to approach the new Governor early in his term concerning a commitment to host a Governor's Conference on Aging early in his administration.

Nominating Committee Report

Mr. Burton, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that, during the Nominating Committee's deliberations, it was noted that the Council's bylaws are somewhat restrictive in who from the Council is eligible for nomination to office. He noted that this is an issue the Council may want to address at a later date.

Mr. Burton then presented the following slate of candidates for office:

- Dr. Dick Lindsay, Chairman
- Gwen Mullen, Vice Chairman
- Mary Lee Cantor, Secretary

A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations and the candidates were elected unanimously.

Presentation of Service Awards

Mrs. Reid presented outgoing Council members Mrs. Taylor (resignation), Mrs. Rogers, Mr. Cash and Mr. Burton (terms expiring) with certificates of appreciation on behalf of the Council and VDA staff and thanked them for their dedication and outstanding service over their terms of service. Outgoing Council member, Ella Brown Wright, was unable to attend the meeting.

Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Council will be held Thursday, September 8, 2005. The last meeting of the year will be held Thursday, December 1, 2005. The Virginia Center on Aging's Annual Legislative Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2006.

Other Business

Mrs. Reid turned the meeting over to the new Council Chairman, Dr. Lindsay. He commended Mrs. Reid for her service to the Council and to the aging community. Dr. Lindsay also recognized those leaving the Council for their work as advocates at the state and local level.

Dr. Lindsay noted the importance of making sure aging issues are part of the agenda of the candidates running for office this year. He further noted that the Council's Executive Committee might be called on over the summer to act on the Council's behalf concerning this endeavor. Dr. Lindsay appointed Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Cockrell to serve on the Executive Committee. He also appointed Mrs. Reid to serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

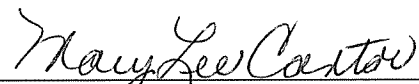
Commissioner DeBoer introduced Gail Nardi, Adult Program Services Manager for the Department of Social Services (DSS), as the new DSS representative to the Council.

Public Comments

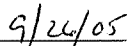
There were no public comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned after several brief committee meetings.



Mary Lee Cantor, Secretary



Date